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Infectious Clones of RNA Viruses

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Derived Thereof

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 15, 2008

MS Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

This paper is filed in response to a <u>non-final</u> office action dated August 15 2008. The response is timely filed by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a three month extension of time to respond.

Amendments to the Specification: There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.